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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
Promotion of Competitive Networks)	WT Docket No. 99-217
in Local Telecommunications))	
Wireless Communications Association)	
International, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking)	
To Amend Section 1.4000 of the)	
Commission's Rules to Preempt)	
Restrictions on Subscriber Premises)	
Reception or Transmission Antennas)	
Designed to Provide Fixed Wireless))	
Services)	
Cellular Telecommunications Industry)	
Association Petition for Rulemaking and)	
Amendment of the Commission's Rules)	
To Preempt State and Local Imposition of)	
Discriminatory and/or Excessive Taxes)	
And Assessments)	
Implementation of the Local Competition)	CC Docket No. 96-98
Provisions in the Telecommunications)	
Act of 1996)	

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE INITIAL COMMENTS OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS,
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AND
ADVISORS, THE TEXAS COALITION OF CITIES ON FRANCHISE UTILITY
ISSUES, THE CITY OF DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, MARYLAND, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, THE CITY OF
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

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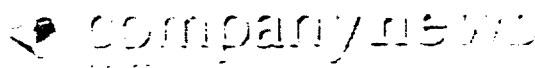
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Vanguard Cellular Systems Names Stephen Leeolou CEO; Announces New Strategic Direction Focusing On Northeast Corridor And Expansion Of Stock Repurchase Program

Agreements Signed To Sell Carolina Properties for \$190 Million

GREENSBORO, N.C., March 11 /PRNewswire/ -- Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: VCELA) today announced that Stephen R. Leeolou will be named Chief Executive Officer effective at the Company's May 1998 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Leeolou, who is also President of Vanguard and one of the Company's co-founders, currently shares the CEO position with fellow co-founder Haynes G. Griffin, who will remain Chairman of the Board. Under Mr. Leeolou's direction, the Company will pursue a new strategy of focusing its operations exclusively along the Northeast corridor. Towards this end, Vanguard announced that it has signed definitive agreements with Triton PCS, Inc. to sell its Myrtle Beach, South Carolina operation, which contains 253,351 POPs, for \$160 million cash, and with United States Cellular Corporation to sell for \$30 million cash, plus the assumption of debt, Vanguard's 48% interest in the cellular operations of Wilmington/Jacksonville, North Carolina, representing approximately 170,000 net POPs. These transactions, which are expected to close in the third quarter of 1998, are subject to approval by regulatory authorities including the FCC. At December 31, 1997, Vanguard had 6.8 million net POPs and 565,000 subscribers in its three core Northeast corridor regions.

Vanguard has retained the firm of Wasserstein Perella & Co., Inc. to act as advisor in the sale of its Myrtle Beach and Wilmington/Jacksonville interests, and to assist in evaluating divestiture alternatives regarding the Company's Florida panhandle markets and other non-core cellular properties in which it owns minority interests. The proceeds from the sale of these non-core assets will be used to reduce the Company's long term debt and to repurchase shares of the Company's common stock under an expanded stock repurchase program. Vanguard's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of another 2.5 million shares in addition to the five million shares authorized as of December 11, 1997. Since November 1996, the Company has repurchased 3.5 million shares of its common stock, at an average price of \$13.52 per share.

Mr. Griffin commented, "We are pleased to be completing the transition of the CEO position to Steve, whose leadership and vision have been two important keys to Vanguard's success. We are excited about the new direction the Company is taking and are confident Steve will successfully implement these strategic corporate initiatives."

Mr. Leeolou noted, "As Chief Executive Officer, one of my top priorities will be to improve shareholder value and I believe this shift in the Company's strategic direction is a key step to accomplish this goal. While Myrtle Beach has been an important market for us, contributing revenues of approximately \$22.5 million in 1997, we believe it is in the Company's best interest to concentrate our resources on those regions where we have significant market clusters and competitive advantages. We are confident this restructuring will accelerate our earnings growth and free cash flow without sacrificing long-term improvements in our operating efficiencies and cash flow margins. The Richardson family, which owns approximately 23% of the Company's outstanding stock, supports the sale of our non-core cellular assets and believes our new strategy of focusing exclusively on our core Northeast corridor operations is the right one for the Company."

As part of this strategic initiative, Mr. Leeolou announced that Timothy G. Biltz, Executive Vice President and President of Vanguard's U.S. Wireless Operations, has been elected Chief Operating Officer by the Board of Directors. Mr. Biltz joined the Company in 1989. "Tim Biltz and I have worked together for nearly a decade; I am confident he and the other members of our senior management team will successfully meet our mandate of controlling operating expenses and reaching the sales, earnings and free cash flow goals we have set for the Company. Senior management's compensation packages are

now directly tied to achieving certain free cash flow milestones and revenue targets and we are all committed to further strengthening Vanguard's competitive position and financial results," Mr. Leeolou added.

Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc., with headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina, is one of the largest independent operators of cellular telephone systems in the United States and provides service under the Cellular One(R) brand name.

Except for the historical information presented, the matters disclosed in this release include forward-looking statements. These statements represent the Company's judgment on the future and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Such factors include, without limitation: a change in economic conditions in the markets served by the Company which could effect demand for cellular services; greater than anticipated competition from PCS or other service providers; technological developments that make the Company's existing networks uncompetitive or obsolete; higher than anticipated costs due to unauthorized use of its network; and greater than anticipated losses attributable to its equity interests in other companies, particularly those that are rapidly developing and expanding their businesses and may experience unforeseen difficulties. See "Risk Factors" of the Company's Prospectus Supplement dated April 3, 1996 to Prospectus dated October 4, 1995 and the Company's subsequent filings and reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a further description of these risks.

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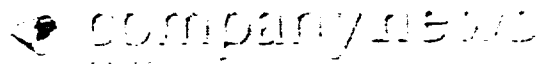
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RCN Doubles Size of Washington Market with Approval to Serve Montgomery County, Maryland

Company has Achieved Critical Milestone of Having Secured Local Agreements Covering Half a Million Homes or More in Each of its Initial Target Markets

PRINCETON, N.J., Aug. 3 /PRNewswire/ -- RCN Corporation (Nasdaq: RCNC) this afternoon signed a long-term agreement to provide competitive phone, cable and high-speed Internet services to more than 240,000 homes in Montgomery County, Maryland -- doubling the number of homes RCN has under local license in the Washington market and ensuring Maryland's largest county will have the benefit of competitive communications services well into the next millennium.

"Not only does this agreement give RCN the authority to serve nearly a quarter of a million homes in Montgomery County, it effectively doubles the current size of our Washington market," said RCN Chairman and CEO David C. McCourt. "With more than 500,000 homes under local license in Washington and Maryland, RCN has now achieved the critical milestone of having negotiated and signed local agreements covering a half million homes or more in each of its initial target markets -- New York, Boston, Washington and Northern California."

With significant network engineering and design already completed in Montgomery County, RCN will immediately begin construction of the state-of-the-art True Local Network(TM) that will serve county residents, and expects to begin offering its full suite of facilities-based phone, cable and Internet services in this receptive and lucrative community by early next year.

"As in other markets, we have done significant network design and engineering in preparation for this regulatory approval," said Michael A. Adams, President of RCN's Technology and Network Development Group. "This allows us to begin network construction immediately."

RCN is currently providing service in the District of Columbia and the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Within the District, its first area of operation in the Washington market, RCN has already achieved a penetration rate for cable service of more than 30%, and a penetration on local phone in the mid-20% range.

RCN has also had tremendous success attracting Washington customers who purchase bundled service. Approximately 80% of RCN's facilities-based customers in the District take more than one service from the company. RCN has wired approximately 10,000 homes in the District of Columbia for service, all in multiple dwelling units. By the end of August, RCN will have activated more than 26,000 homes in the District and Gaithersburg for its full suite of services -- bringing fiber optics closer to the home than any other phone or cable provider.

RCN provides service in the Washington area through a joint venture with Pepco Communications under the Starpower brand name. Pepco Communications, LLC is an unregulated subsidiary of Potomac Electric Power Company.

About the RCN Network

RCN's True Local Network(TM) is a unique broadband fiber optic platform capable of offering a full suite of communications services -- including fully-featured voice, video and high-speed Internet -- to residential customers. The network employs SONET ring backbone architecture, and localized nodes built to ensure RCN's state-of-the-art fiber optics travel to within 900 feet of RCN customers, with fewer electronics and lower maintenance costs than existing local networks. RCN's East and West Coast local fiber optic networks target densely populated areas comprising nearly 40% of the U.S. residential communications market spread over just 6% of its geography.

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RCN Corporation (Nasdaq: RCNC) is the nation's first and largest

single-source, facilities-based provider of bundled communications services to the residential market, and the nation's largest targeted Internet service provider (ISP), with all of its 500,000+ customers strategically clustered in the Boston to Washington and San Francisco to San Diego corridors. The company is currently providing local and long distance phone, cable television and its rcn.com Internet services to the densest telecommunications markets in the country, from Boston to Washington, D.C. in the East and San Francisco to San Diego in the West.

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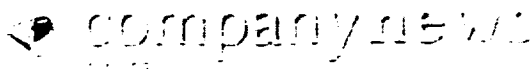
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RCN Corporation to Serve One of Nation's Highest-Density Communities

Long-Term Agreement With City of Hoboken Will Allow RCN to
Pass More Than 550 Homes Per Mile of Network

HOBOKEN, N.J., Aug. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- RCN Corporation (Nasdaq: RCNC) announced today that it has signed a long-term agreement to provide competitive phone, cable and high-speed Internet services to the City of Hoboken, NJ -- an extremely high-density residential community located in close proximity to RCN's existing operations in the City of New York.

"This agreement to serve Hoboken achieves two of RCN's most critical objectives, in the areas of network construction and operations," said Michael Adams, President of RCN's Technology and Network Development Group. "It allows us to achieve real economies of scale by coordinating our Hoboken operations with those already in place in nearby New York, and provides RCN the opportunity to serve one of the nation's densest residential areas. With nearly 550 homes per mile of plant, Hoboken is the densest community we have under local license to date, with the exception of Manhattan."

Hoboken is a predominantly residential community of 17,400 homes, located just west of RCN's existing base of operations in Manhattan. Coordinating with these existing operations, RCN has already begun initial network design in Hoboken, and will continue the design and engineering process for the remainder of the year. The company expects to begin construction in Hoboken early next year and anticipates serving customers there in the second half of 2000.

"I am very pleased that our agreement with RCN will soon bring cable competition and additional services to the residents of Hoboken," said Hoboken Mayor Anthony Russo.

The agreement to serve Hoboken is RCN's first in Northern New Jersey, an area the company is now focusing on as a logical extension of its successful existing operations in New York City. RCN is currently in active negotiations to build its state-of-the-art fiber optic True Local Network(TM) and bring its unique bundle of competitive communications services to several communities in Northern New Jersey -- including areas of the counties of Hudson, Bergen, Essex and Passaic.

RCN is already developing numerous markets from Boston to Washington, D.C. in the East and San Francisco to San Diego in the West with average densities ranging from 150 to 300 homes per mile, roughly five to ten times the national average. Hoboken far surpasses even these high levels, allowing RCN to compete for more than 18 times as many homes per mile of plant as the average phone or cable provider.

"The densities that exist in Hoboken are just tremendous," Adams said. "We could achieve a 30% penetration rate in Hoboken and wind up serving almost 170 homes per mile. That's almost six times the number of homes the average phone or cable incumbent passes for each mile of network built. That density, combined with RCN's ability to provide multiple services, makes Hoboken a truly compelling opportunity for RCN."

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COVER STORY

Wireless Networks

To use the network, you typically purchase a package of hardware, software, and the service from one of BellSouth's partners. For this review, we tested Infowave for Exchange, from Vancouver-based Infowave Software (www.infowave.com).

On the client side, the Infowave package we tested includes a Wireless PC Card modem from Research In Motion, Infowave's Wireless Engine software, and wireless service from BellSouth. Unlike the other services we tested, BellSouth doesn't offer a flat rate; it costs \$24.95 a



CDPD networks work with 3Com Palm organizers.

month plus fees based on usage.

We tested Infowave with a Sharp Mobilon HC-4500 Color hand-held PC, but versions are available for notebooks running Microsoft Windows 95, 98, and NT 4.0. The RIM modem for Mobitex is a standard Type II PC Card with a large plastic extension that houses a collapsible 4-inch antenna and a standard 9V battery.

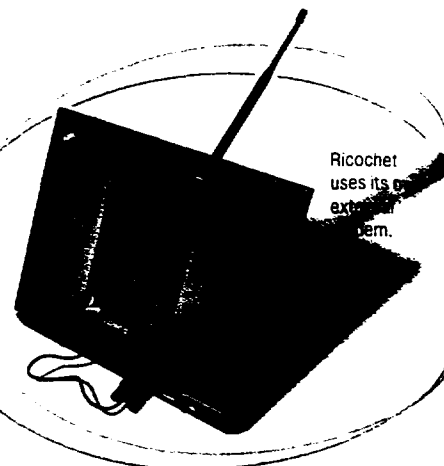
Currently, Infowave is an e-mail-only solution that is tightly integrated with Microsoft Exchange. During setup, an Infowave engineer comes to your office and installs Infowave for Exchange software on your server. The company has announced Infowave for the Net, a service that will provide access to corporate intranets using both BellSouth and CDPD networks, but it wasn't ready in time for testing. GoAmerica, however, offers two wireless plans (\$9.95 a month for the first 25K and \$59.99 a month for unlimited use) with software that supports both e-mail and Web

browsing (www.goamerica.com).

Although our test setup worked well, we uncovered a few annoyances. Infowave displays a pop-up window asking for your user name and password each time you connect to your mail server—even if you never exited Outlook. Second, even though our test site was just a few hundred yards from a BellSouth tower, we found the exact positioning of the unit greatly affected performance.

Although BellSouth was previously limited to notebook and Windows CE-based devices, the company has been expanding the network's presence to include smart pagers and, most recently, the 3Com Palm VII. Ultimately, BellSouth Intelligent Wireless Network will probably find more success in these markets than it has as a general wireless data solution (BellSouth Wireless Data, 800-726-3210, www.bellsouthwd.com).

Of the three services we tested, only Metricom's **Ricochet** comes close to modem connection speeds without the wire. But there's a catch. Ricochet service is available only in select areas including the San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, and Washington D.C. If you work in one of these areas, you'll find that Ricochet offers relatively fast wireless e-mail and Internet access at a reasonable, flat-rate price. The Ricochet service costs \$29.95 a month, plus a \$45 activation fee, or \$299 for one year. But to use it, you



Ricochet uses its external antenna.

must have a Metricom modem. We tested the service with the Ricochet SX modem (\$299 list), which is about the size of a checkbook and 0.4 inches thick. (Metricom doesn't currently offer a PC Card modem.) You connect the 10-ounce modem via a serial port and affix it to the side of your hand-held PC or notebook PC with an included Velcro strip. A slim nickel hydride battery fits neatly inside, providing a rated 6 hours.

Metricom includes setup software and instructions for both Windows 95 and Windows CE; software for other operating systems (Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0 Workstation, MacOS, and Palm OS) is available on the company's Web site. To install the modem, simply select the included Windows driver, configure dial-up networking and you're up and running more easily than with a typical ISP.

In general, we were satisfied with the performance. The initial connection takes only a second, and throughput was sufficient for e-mail and even for relatively simple Web pages consisting mainly of text. But things began to grind to a halt when we browsed more graphics-intensive pages, with average throughput during testing of about 20 Kbps to 30 Kbps.

Metricom is aggressively expanding its coverage area and enhancing the network. The company has plans for service in 46 cities by the end of next year at speeds up to 128 Kbps. If Metricom can pull it off, Ricochet will be a must-have for those who want Web access wherever and whenever. (Metricom Inc., 800-469-4735, www.metricom.com.) **PC**



PC denotes Editors' Choice

PC AT&T Wireless IP (CDPD)

BellSouth Intelligent Wireless Network

Ricochet

N/A—Not applicable. Infowave, the solution we tested, did not have this feature.

	SETUP	DEVICE SUPPORT	E-MAIL	WEB BROWSING
PC AT&T Wireless IP (CDPD)	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair
BellSouth Intelligent Wireless Network	Excellent	Good	Fair	N/A
Ricochet	Good	Fair	Good	Good

HOW WE TESTED

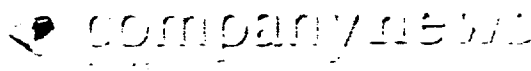
We performed our tests of wireless wide area networks (WANs) in three areas of the country: New York, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Florida. (Metricom's Ricochet was available only in the San Francisco Bay Area.)

Each tester completed a script designed to gauge the wireless data solution's setup, e-mail, and Web-browsing capabilities and its throughput for downloading ASCII and Word files. Because network access and speed varied widely depending on the exact

location, we did not report specific throughput scores. But we can say that the services rarely approached their theoretical throughput limits during our testing. In practice, we generally received anywhere from 5 to 15 Kbps.

Our test bed included a wide variety of devices (Microsoft Windows CE-based devices, 3Com Palm Connected Organizers, and notebook PCs) as well as a broad sample of modems from Inet, Metricom, Novatel Wireless, and Sierra Wireless. —Diane Jecker

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MFS Network Technologies Signs with Norlight Telecommunications to Expand Fiber Optic Network in Michigan

OMAHA, Neb., March 3 /PRNewswire/ -- MFS Network Technologies (MFSNT), a subsidiary of Able Telcom Holding Corporation (Nasdaq: ABTE), today announced additional plans to develop, design, engineer and construct a fiber optic network in Michigan for Norlight Telecommunications, a comprehensive networks service provider based in Wisconsin. The additional work expands the 130 mile project, announced in October '98, to over 550 route miles at a contract value of over \$17 million.

The completed network will deliver high-speed digital voice, data and video communications, and will provide service to central and southern Michigan cities. MFSNT has completed design and engineering work on the network and will begin construction immediately. Second and third tier cities will soon be connected with Detroit and have access to cost-effective, protected traffic distribution. Completion of the network is scheduled for the third quarter of 1999.

"Norlight strongly believes in providing our customers with world class customer service and a quality network at a competitive price. We found these same values working with MFSNT. This new construction in Michigan is very important to Norlight and we feel confident entrusting MFSNT with its timely completion," said Bob Rogers, Senior Vice President for Norlight.

"We're happy Norlight is once again taking advantage of our expertise in network design and construction," said Bob Sommerfeld, Senior Vice President for MFSNT. "We are impressed with Norlight's commitment to expand their networks, increasing their market presence and enhancing customer services. We are very pleased to be a part of their continuing success," he added.

MFS Network Technologies is a leader in the development, design and integration of intelligent infrastructure solutions for advanced communications applications. Founded in 1988, MFS Network Technologies provides systems integration and innovative development for facilities-based communications projects. The company's clients include federal, state and local government agencies, telecommunications service providers, regional and state transportation and transit agencies, public utilities and private industry in the United States and abroad.

Able Telcom Holding Corporation provides design, installation, maintenance and systems integration services for advanced voice, data and video communications networks throughout the United States and internationally, primarily in Latin America.

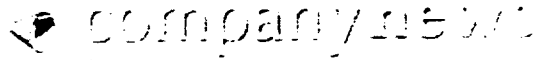
Statements about the company's future expectations, including without limitation, future revenues and earnings, plans and objectives for future operations, future agreements, future economic performance operations and all other financial statements in this press release other than historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The company intends that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbors created thereby. Since these statements (future operational results and sales) involve risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to economic, competitive governmental, meteorological, contractual, and technological factors affecting the company's operations, markets and profitability, the company's actual results could differ materially from expected results.

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Teligent Introduces Revolutionary, Lower-Cost Communications Services In New Orleans

SmartWave(TM) Technology Puts Small And Medium-Sized Businesses on the 'E-map'
In 24 Markets Across the Country

VIENNA, Va., Feb. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Teligent today launched its revolutionary, high-bandwidth communications services for small and medium-sized businesses in New Orleans. With today's launch, Teligent now serves customers in 24 of the nation's top markets.

Teligent offers customers savings of up to 30 percent on local, long distance, high-speed data and dedicated Internet services. Using its digital SmartWave(TM) technology, Teligent gives smaller businesses the high network speed and capacity -- up to 45 megabits per second -- previously available only to larger companies at much higher prices.

"Now small and mid-sized companies in New Orleans have access to high-speed, high-capacity voice and data services at significant savings that until now have not been available to them," said Teligent Chairman and CEO Alex J. Mandl. "We call it putting businesses on the e-map."

Including today's launch in New Orleans, Teligent service is available in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Jose, San Francisco-Oakland, Jacksonville, Washington DC, Boston, Austin, Denver, Atlanta, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Milwaukee and Wilmington, Del.

Together, those 24 markets comprise more than 405 cities and towns with a combined population of more than 66 million. By year-end, Teligent expects to offer service in 40 markets across the country.

Commercial and residential land developer Ike Harris & Company is using Teligent's service in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Ike Harris, a 50-year veteran of the business, selected Teligent because his company wanted an integrated package of communications services from one company on one bill.

"Teligent provides good service, they do it for less, and they do it consistently," said Susan Sacknoff, office manager, Ike Harris & Company. "That may not sound exciting, but as an accountant, getting good value is exciting to me."

Teligent offers small and medium-sized companies a flat monthly bill that represents savings of up to 30 percent off the rates they pay their current local telephone company, national long distance carrier and Internet provider.

To qualify for the maximum discount, customers switch their existing service -- local, long distance or Internet -- and sign up with Teligent for a minimum of one year. Teligent averages several representative bills from the customer's current carriers and deducts up to 30 percent. That figure becomes the customer's new flat monthly rate. In most cases, it's as simple as that. Local and Internet service are unlimited. If customers wish to increase their long distance usage over current levels, they can purchase more service at attractive prices.

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COMPANY NEWS

Teligent Introduces Revolutionary, Lower-Cost Communications Services In Richmond, Baltimore, Milwaukee and West Palm Beach

Three Years After Telecommunications Act Becomes Law, Teligent Is Bringing Competition and Choice to Small and Medium-Sized Businesses in 23 Markets Across the Country

VIENNA, Va., Feb. 8 /PRNewswire/ -- Three years after the Telecommunications Act of 1996 became law, Teligent today launched its revolutionary lower-cost, higher bandwidth communications services for small and medium-sized businesses in four new markets -- Richmond, Baltimore, West Palm Beach and Milwaukee. With today's launch, Teligent now provides service in 23 of the nation's top markets.

Teligent offers customers savings of up to 30 percent on local, long distance, high-speed data and dedicated Internet services. With its advanced, digital SmartWave(TM) technology, Teligent gives smaller businesses the higher network speed and capacity -- up to 45 megabits per second -- previously available only to larger companies at higher prices.

"The Telecom Act of 1996 created a revolution in the communications industry and inaugurated a new era of choice and savings for customers," said Teligent Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Alex J. Mandl. "As a result of Congress' bold vision, companies like Teligent are creating innovative products and services and offering unprecedented savings to the fastest growing segment of the U.S. economy -- small and medium-sized businesses."

Scheduled to join Mandl today at a press briefing in Richmond is U.S. Rep. Thomas Bliley, (R-Va.), Chairman of the House Commerce Committee and one of the principal authors of the Telecommunications Act.

"Today's announcement offers more proof that the Telecom Act is working," Chairman Bliley said. "Consumers in four new cities today will have greater choices in their local telephone service."

Commenting on the Act's three-year anniversary, Chairman Bliley said, "Just three years since its enactment, the Telecom Act is helping to unleash a new generation of phone, cable, satellite, wireless phone and Internet services. Consumers are beginning to reap the benefits of lower prices, more choices and innovative services."

Also joining Bliley and Mandl is Dwayne Cuff, Treasurer of Fidelity Trust Mortgage Corp. of Richmond, Teligent's first local customer.

"Fidelity Trust's efforts to become a major player in the mortgage industry are taking a great leap forward with the communications services offered by Teligent," said Cuff. "Although we're considered a medium-sized business, we have many of the same needs of a large, nationwide firm. With high bandwidth services and the promise of significant savings, we can significantly enhance our productivity and growth."

Added Mandl: "With the explosion of e-commerce and the data market, Teligent is enabling businesses of any size to benefit directly with faster Internet access and higher data network speeds. In a very real sense, Teligent is putting businesses on the e-map."

Including the markets announced today, Teligent service is now available in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Jose, San Francisco-Oakland, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Milwaukee, Washington, DC, Boston, Austin, Denver, Atlanta, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, Richmond, West Palm Beach and Wilmington, Del.

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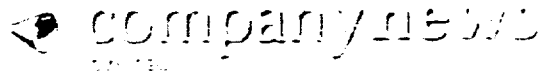
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Teligent Introduces Revolutionary, Lower-Cost Communications Services In Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and Wilmington

SmartWave(TM) Technology Puts Small and Medium-Sized Businesses
On the 'E-Map' in 19 Markets Across the Country

VIENNA, Va., Jan. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- Teligent today launched its revolutionary, high-bandwidth communications services for small and medium-sized businesses in four new markets -- Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del. With today's launch, Teligent now serves customers in 19 of the nation's top markets.

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"Today we've brought the communications revolution to small and mid-sized companies in four major business centers -- Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and Wilmington," said Teligent Chairman and CEO Alex J. Mandl. "That means big savings, bigger bandwidth and better service to the fastest growing segment of the U.S. economy."

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Together, those 19 markets comprise more than 375 cities and towns with a combined population of more than 60 million. By year-end, Teligent expects to offer service in 40 markets across the country.

Among Teligent's first customers is the Rudin Management Company, Inc., based in New York City. Rudin selected Teligent to provide communications services for its most recent project at the New York Information Technology Center at 55 Broad Street in lower Manhattan, which houses more than 80 new media companies.

"Teligent has proven to be a valuable partner in helping Rudin meet its tenants' vast technological needs," said John J. Gilbert, Rudin's chief technology officer and executive vice president. "Rudin is creating new ways to distribute telecommunications bandwidth within buildings, and Teligent is working hard to help us make that goal a reality."

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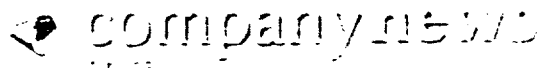
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RCN Corporation Agrees to Serve Three New Boston-Area Communities

Company Will Offer Competitive Phone, Cable and Internet Services to Nearly 35,000 Homes in Communities of Dedham, Needham and Woburn

PRINCETON, N.J., Aug. 31 /PRNewswire/ -- Less than a month after signing a long-term agreement to provide competitive communications services in the City of Boston, and on the heels of a significant legal victory over an anti-competitive incumbent cable provider, RCN Corporation (Nasdaq: RCNC) today announced that it has further accelerated its network deployment in Massachusetts, reaching agreements to provide its bundle of phone, cable and high-speed Internet services to three new Boston-area communities.

The agreements to serve the towns of Dedham and Needham, and the city of Woburn collectively represent approximately 35,000 homes. They also further solidify RCN's presence in Massachusetts, and build upon the company's prior successes in this lucrative and highly-receptive market.

"Our activities in the Boston market continue to grow, and intensify, as evidenced by these three new agreements," said Michael Adams, President of RCN's Technology and Network Development Group. "Now that we have solidified our long-term agreement with the City of Boston, which we consider central to our network development plans in the region, we have begun to accelerate our activities within the city and in more than two dozen neighboring communities. We have also won a major legal victory over an anti-competitive incumbent cable operator that had sought to delay the acceleration of our Boston network build."

Late last week, RCN defeated the latest anti-competitive challenge to its network expansion in the Boston market, as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit dismissed Cablevision System Corp.'s appeal of a previously-rejected legal maneuver aimed at delaying deployment of RCN's state-of-the-art fiber optic True Local Network(TM) in the City of Boston. In its ruling, rejecting Cablevision's attempt to temporarily delay RCN's construction effort within the city, the Court also found that Cablevision's underlying lawsuit challenging RCN's Boston network deployment had virtually no chance of succeeding and urged the District Court to consider its outright dismissal.

RCN has virtually completed the network design process for Dedham, Needham and Woburn, and has already begun preparations for the start of construction. The company expects to be actively building network in all three communities by the end of this year, and to be serving customers by the middle of next year.

RCN will eventually build out to 65 communities in Massachusetts. The company is currently designing and building network in nearly two dozen Boston-area cities and towns, and providing service to customers in areas of the City of Boston and in the surrounding communities of Somerville, Arlington, Newton and Waltham.

About the RCN Network

RCN's True Local Network(TM) is a unique broadband fiber optic platform capable of offering a full suite of communications services -- including fully-featured voice, video and high-speed Internet -- to residential customers. The network employs SONET ring backbone architecture, and localized nodes built to ensure RCN's state-of-the-art fiber optics travel to within 900 feet of RCN customers, with fewer electronics and lower maintenance costs than existing local networks. RCN's East and West Coast local fiber optic networks target densely populated areas comprising nearly 40% of the U.S. residential communications market spread over just 6% of its geography.

About RCN Corporation

RCN Corporation (Nasdaq: RCNC) is the nation's first and largest single-source, facilities-based provider of bundled communications services to the residential market, and the nation's largest targeted Internet service provider (ISP), with all of its 500,000+ customers strategically clustered in

the Boston to Washington and San Francisco to San Diego corridors. The company is currently providing local and long distance phone, cable television and its rcn.com Internet services to the densest telecommunications markets in the country, from Boston to Washington, D.C. in the East and San Francisco to San Diego in the West.

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BODY:

Fidelity Holdings Inc. s Computer Business Sciences Inc. unit has received approval to offer local telecommunications **services** in New York and California.

In a press release yesterday, the Kew Gardens-based company said the unit awaits approval in Illinois and Florida.

Fidelity said with the Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, or **CLEC**, status it was granted, it can operate as a carrier of telecommunications services and intrastate services.

The company said it expects to establish **CLEC** status in more than 30 states by the end of 1999.

Fidelity expects to introduce e-commerce, telephone, video conferencing and television programing **services** in California and New York during the next quarter.

Fidelity Holdings is a diversified holding company.

- Dow Jones News Flushing Financial Earnings Increase

Flushing Financial Corp., the parent of Flushing Savings Bank, reported a 28.6 percent increase in diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter, from 21 cents in 1997 s period to 27 cents in 1998 s last quarter.

Net income for the quarter last year rose from \$ 2.3 million for the period in 1997 to \$ 2.8 million in the fourth quarter of 1998.

Flushing saw year-end increases as well, as earnings rose 19.5 percent from \$ 8.5 million in 1997 to \$ 10.2 million in 1998. Diluted earnings per share for the year rose 24.1 percent, from 79 cents to 98 cents per share. Those figures include one-time compensation expenses of \$ 1.5 million for the 1998 fiscal year.

Bank chief executive Michael J. Hegarty said in a statement that the earnings stayed strong thanks to an emphasis on funding higher-yielding real estate

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loans, and general managed growth.

- Randi Feigenbaum Passenger Miles Up at Tower Air

Tower Air Inc. reported that scheduled service revenue passenger miles in January increased 7 percent to 305 million from 285 million in the same period last year, while the available seat-miles for scheduled service last month increased 7.6 percent to 396 million.

Last month, total hours flown decreased 21.2 percent to 2,672 hours compared with 3,390 hours in January, 1998.

The airline attributed the decrease to the discontinuation of the charter for a Middle East airline, partially offset by increased flying in scheduled passenger services and cargo services. In addition, the grounding of one of the cargo aircraft for repair in December also cut the company's block hours for the month.

The Defense Department said it had recently temporarily barred Tower from flying military charters after a routine "quality and safety" inspection earlier last month. Military charters represent about 14 percent of the airline's revenue.

Neither the airline nor the Department of Defense would specify what led to the suspension, but airline chairman and chief executive Morris Nachtomi said safety issues were not involved. Nachtomi said he expected the ban to be lifted in about two weeks.

Tower Air is based at Kennedy Airport. Stock Watch How Queens 10 largest stocks, based on market value, fared yesterday.

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